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Amendments to the Claims

Please amend the claims as shown below in the complete listing of claims.

1. (Currently Amended) A vehicular mirror assembly for providing an occupant of a vehicle with a rearward view, the mirror assembly comprising:

a reflective element having a first ~~connecting~~pivot element and a first actuator element;
a frame for supporting the reflective element having a second ~~connecting~~pivot element and a second actuator element, the first and second ~~connecting~~pivot elements being adapted to be interconnected to one another to tiltably mount the reflective element to the frame and the first and second actuator elements being adapted to be interconnected to one another whereby
actuation of the second actuator element causes the reflective element to tilt with respect to the frame;

at least one of the first ~~connecting~~pivot element, the second pivot element, the first actuator element and the second ~~connecting~~actuator element being movably mounted to a respective one of the reflective element and the frame so that one of the frame and the reflective element ~~can be~~is employed with differently-sized corresponding ones of other reflective elements and frames.

2. (Currently Amended) A vehicular mirror assembly according to claim 1, wherein the at least one first ~~connecting~~pivot element comprises one of a ball and socket.

3. (Currently Amended) A vehicular mirror assembly according to claim 2, wherein the at least one second ~~connecting~~pivot element comprises the other of a ball and socket.

4. (Currently Amended) A vehicular mirror assembly according to claim 1, wherein the frame further comprises a slot, the at least one second ~~connecting~~pivot element further comprises a plate, and the plate is slidably received in the slot so that it is movable between a

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plurality of positions to alter the distance between the interconnected first and second pivot elements and the interconnected first and second actuator elements.

5. (Currently Amended) A vehicular mirror assembly according to claim 1, and ~~further comprising wherein the second actuator element comprises~~ an actuator assembly having at least one moveable jackscrew for adjusting the tilt of the reflective element, wherein the at least one first ~~connecting actuator~~ element is attached to the actuator assembly.

6. (Currently Amended) A vehicular mirror assembly according to claim 5, wherein the at least one ~~first second connecting actuator~~ element comprises two ~~connecting second actuator~~ elements.

7. (Currently Amended) A vehicular mirror assembly according to claim 6, wherein the ~~two second connecting actuator~~ elements comprise the jackscrews.

8. (Currently Amended) A vehicular mirror assembly having a reflective element for providing an occupant of a vehicle with a rearward view and an actuator assembly having at least one moveable jackscrew for adjusting the tilt of the reflective element, the mirror assembly comprising:

a frame supporting the actuator assembly;

one of a ball and socket attached to the reflective element;

the other of a ball and socket attached to the frame to form a pivotable connection with the one of a ball and socket for connecting the reflective element to the frame; and

the at least one jackscrew is attached to the reflective element at a location spaced from the one of the ball and socket for connecting the reflective element to the actuator assembly, wherein actuation of the jackscrew assembly causes the reflective element to tilt relative to the frame;

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wherein a first reflective element ~~can be~~is attached to the frame by selectively moving the one of the ball and socket along the frame to a first position in order to engage the other of the ball and socket; and

wherein a second reflective element ~~can be~~is attached to the frame, when the first reflective element is disconnected therefrom, by selectively moving the one of the ball and socket along the frame to a second position in order to engage the other of the ball and socket, thereby enabling the frame to be alternatively attached to reflective elements having the other of the ball and socket in alternatively different locations.

9. (Currently Amended) A vehicular mirror assembly according to claim 8, wherein the frame further comprises a slot, the one of the ball and socket further comprises a plate, and the plate is slidably received in the slot.

10. (Currently Amended) A vehicular mirror assembly according to claim 8, wherein the reflective element further comprises a slot, and the at least one moveable jackscrew is slidably received in the slot.

11. (Currently Amended) A vehicular mirror assembly comprising:
a mirror housing having a pivot and an actuator laterally spaced from the pivot;
a reflective element pivotably mounted within the housing on the pivot and operably interconnected to the actuator so that actuation of the actuator tiltingly repositions the reflective element on the pivot;

wherein the pivot is laterally repositionable with respect to the housing so that reflective elements of varying sizes ~~can be~~are selectively mounted within to the housing so that a common housing can be employed with reflective elements of varying size.

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12. (Original) A vehicular mirror assembly according to claim 11 wherein one of the housing and the pivot has a detent, and the other of the housing and the pivot has a slot, and the pivot is repositionable with respect to the housing by movement of the detent within the slot.

13. (Original) A vehicular mirror assembly according to claim 11 wherein the pivot is slidably mounted to the mirror housing.

14. (Original) A vehicular mirror assembly according to claim 13 and further comprising at least one detent located between the pivot and the mirror housing wherein the pivot is retained in a particular mounted position with respect to the mirror housing by the detent.